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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HORNG ET AL.

Examiner

Dang D Le

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wakao et al.

Regarding claim 1, Wakao et al. show an electric power connection structure of a direct current motor, comprising:

- A housing (90), having a bottom board provided with a shaft seat (93) combined with a stator and a circuit board (40) provided with a drive circuit (47), a rotor having a rotation shaft (11) rotatably mounted in a shaft tube (23) of the stator, the housing at least having an outer wall (left surface, Figure 2); and
- A power plate (61) having connection circuits, the connection circuit having a first end (left, Figure 2) formed with a connection terminal that may be connected to an electric power, and a second end (right) electrically connected to an drive circuit of the circuit board, and the power plate mounted on the outer wall of the housing (Figure 2).

Regarding claim 2, it is noted that Wakao et al. also show the circuit board (40) provided with a drive circuit (47) and the power plate may be (not necessarily included) formed by a film printed circuit.

Regarding claim 3, it is noted that Wakao et al. also show the outer wall of the housing (left, Figure 2) provided with an insertion groove so that the power plate may be inserted into and positioned in the insertion groove.

Regarding claim 4, it is noted that Wakao et al. also show the bottom board of the housing having an annular wall which is provided with a cutout for passage of the connection circuit (Figure 2).

Regarding claim 5, it is noted that Wakao et al. also show an electric power connection structure of a direct current motor, comprising:

- A housing, having a shaft seat, a rotor having a rotation shaft having one end rotatably mounted in the shaft seat, the housing at least having an outer wall; and
- A film printed circuit (40), provided with multiple coils (of the stator, not shown) and a sensing drive member, the film printed circuit protruded with a power plate (61), which is provided with connection terminals that may be connected to an electric power, and the power plate mounted on the outer wall of the housing (left, Figure 2).

Regarding claim 6, it is noted that Wakao et al. also show the housing having an annular groove for receiving and positioning the film printed circuit (Figure 2).

Regarding claim 7, it is noted that Wakao et al. also show the outer wall of the housing being provided with an insertion groove so that the power plate of the film printed circuit may be inserted into and positioned in the insertion groove (Figure 2).

Information on How to Contact USPTO

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dang D Le whose telephone number is (703) 305-0156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on (703) 308-1371. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9318 for regular communications and (703) 872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

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